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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: SMITH/CARBONE TELCON OF FEB. 21, 1975

1. I HAVE RECEIVED TODAY A LETTER FROM FOURCAND WHICH MAY OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITHOUT RECOURSE TO ARTICLE III ACTION. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. "MR. AMBASSADOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEB. 18, 1975, WHICH HAS CONFIRMED BY APPREHENSIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE RECESSION WHICH IS AFFECTING THE US AS WELL AS HAITI. I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO INFORM YOU OF THE MOST RECENT INDICATIONS OF THE CRISIS AFFECTING COMPANIES PRODUCING TEXTILES FOR THE HAITIAN MARKET. THE MADSEN TEXTILE MILL HAS REDUCED ITS PRODUCTION BY 80 PERCENT, AND THE COMPANY FITICOSA (BRANDT) HAS JUST DECIDED TO PRACTICALLY STOP OPERATIONS. THIS SITUATION IS AGGRAVATED BY THE BRUTAL DROP IN OUR EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE US MARKET, WHICH HAS HAD THE EFFECT OF INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT TO ALMOST CATASTROPHIC PROPORTIONS.

3. "TAKING ACCOUNT OF THIE GENERAL PANORAMA AND OF THE RELATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEAKNESS OF POSITION WHICH OUR SALES OCCUPY, EVEN IN A PERIOD OF

PROSPERITY, IN REGARD TO TOTAL AMERICAN IMPORTS, THIS SECRETARY OF STATE IS OPEN TO ALL SUGGESTIONS, PROPOSITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID ALL DIFFICULTIES OR ALL CONTENTIOUSNESS, PERMITTING THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO PARTIES, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES." FORMAL CLOSE.

4. IF YOU ARE AGREEMENT, I WILL PHONE OR WRITE FOURCAND, SUGGESTING THAT IF HE HAS AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE BEYOND HIS LAST PROPOSAL, HE MIGHT WISH EITHER CABLE JURICH DIRECTLY OR ASK ME TO CABLE INVITATION TO JURICH TO RETURN TO HAITI FOR PURPOSE OF CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS MEMORANDUM INITIALLED LAST SEPTEMBER, AS AMENDED SUBSEQUENTLY.  
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